

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### IGU ISRAEL JULY 2010

#### COMMISSION ON POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY (CPG)

The International Geographical Union (IGU) will be holding its Regional Conference in Tel Aviv, Israel, on July 12-16 July 2010.

The IGU Commission on Political Geography IGU CPG will be organizing three sessions at the major conference (and two jointly organized with the MRP – Mediterranean Renaissance Program), and a pre-conference workshop which will take place at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, immediately prior to the main event, from 7-11 July, 2010.

Interested participants are invited to submit papers for either (and both) of the meetings:

#### **IGU Meeting – Tel Aviv 12-16 July 2010:**

#### **BRIDGING DIVERSITY IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD:**

#### **THE CHANGING GEOPOLITICAL STRUCTURES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST**

The north-south/south-north and east-west/west-east relations within the Mediterranean Basin have never been as intensive as at the dawn of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Mediterranean is no longer the sole interest of the Mediterranean Rim countries in Euro-Asia and Africa, or even of the named continents; it has become transformed into a global “playground of interests”. Over the past decade, we have witnessed dual globalization narratives, a trend toward more homogeneous global conditions (as the result of the widespread competition) and, at one and the same time, a parallel trend in which differences are enhanced as localities – often set free through globalization itself - strive to maintain their unique identities. Globalization in the Mediterranean represents a complex set of processes, which political geographers have only just begun to understand.

In the Political Geography sessions of the IGU Regional Meeting in Tel Aviv, we wish to explore the following topics:

- The Changing Geopolitical Structures of the Mediterranean and the Middle East
- Borders in the Mediterranean (organized jointly by the IGU Mediterranean Renaissance Program and the IGU Commission on Political Geography);
- Globalisation, Glocalisation and Territorial Identity in the Mediterranean Rim;
- The Geopolitics of Counter-Globalization Narratives
- “Engineering the Mediterranean” - Transnational Projects and their Spatial Impacts;
- Global Warming and Geopolitical Implications Related to the Mediterranean Basin (organized jointly by the IGU Mediterranean Renaissance Program and the IGU Commission on Political Geography);

Papers for the IGU Regional Conference should be submitted via email to [geography@targetconf.com](mailto:geography@targetconf.com). Please indicate that your abstract is for the presentation during the session of the Commission on Political Geography

**Pre-Conference Workshop – Ben-Gurion University 7-11 July 2010:  
BORDERS, TERRITORY AND CONFLICT IN A GLOBALISING WORLD**

The workshop will focus on the changing relationships between Borders, Territory and Conflict in a Globalised World. Sessions will negotiate the two contrasting narratives of a borderless world on the one hand, and the notions of territorial securitization which have re-emerged in the post 9/11 world, on the other hand. Although some local issues will be discussed, we wish to focus on the conceptualization of the linkages between borders, territory and conflict at a variety of spatial scales. Participants are invited to submit papers on any of the following themes:

- Borders in a Borderless World
- Territory in a Deterritorialized World
- Borders, Territory and Conflict Under Conditions of Globalization
- Borders, Territory and Conflict in the Mediterranean Region
- Borders, Territory and Conflict in the Contemporary Middle East
- Geopolitical Change Under Conditions of Globalization
- The Politics of Cartography and Geopolitical Representations

The pre-conference workshop will include a field trip, to be co-organised with the Commission on Indigenous Groups whose pre-conference workshop will also be taking place at Ben-Gurion University – local organizer Professor Oren Yiftachel..

Original papers in the field of Political Geography and Geopolitics will be considered for publication in Geopolitics.

Further details concerning accommodation and costs etc, will be sent out at a later date. Every effort will be made to keep the costs of the pre-conference workshop to a minimum (to cover hotel and food expenses). Registration and payment for the main IGU must be carried out separately on the official IGU forms.

Submission of abstracts and intent to participate should be sent on the enclosed registration form, no later than 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009, to:

Prof Anton Gosar – Chair of the Commission: [anton.gosar@guest.arnes.si](mailto:anton.gosar@guest.arnes.si)

Prof David Newman – Secretary of the Commission and local organizer: [newman@bgu.ac.il](mailto:newman@bgu.ac.il)

Please note: All communications will only be carried out through email unless hard copy is specifically requested. We point out your attention also to our IGU Commission on Political Geography Website (<http://www.cas.muohio.edu/igu-cpg>).

## REGISTRATION FORM

IGU REGIONAL CONFERENCE TEL AVIV JULY 12-16 2010\*  
**THE CHANGING GEOPOLITICAL STRUCTURES OF THE  
MEDITERRANEAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST**

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP:  
COMMISSION ON POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY (CPG)  
BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV, JULY 7-11 2010  
**BORDERS, TERRITORY AND CONFLICT IN A GLOBALISING WORLD**

Name and Title:

Affiliation:

Email Address:

I intend to participate in:

IGU Regional Conference, Political Geography Sessions	YES	NO
Pre-Conference Commission on Political Geography Workshop	YES	NO

Title of Paper – IGU Main Sessions:

Title of paper – pre-Conference Workshop:

Abstracts should be enclosed on separate pages. No more than 25 lines, Times Roman Font 12, single spacing.

\*Please note that if you are registering for the main IGU conference, you also have to register separately on the IGU site at: [www.igu2010.com](http://www.igu2010.com)